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THE WORLD AT LARGE.

Summary of the Daily News.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

The president and Secretary Alger have decided to detail an army officer and a company of soldiers from the regular army for service in Alaska. The exact location of the camp or post has not yet been determined, but it is expected to be at Circle City, and if it can be arranged they will be sent on the steamer sailing early in August.

The recess appointment of Hon. T. V. Powderly as commissioner-general of immigration has been signed by the president.

President McKinley left Washington on the 28th for Lake Champlain. He may be away from the capital for six weeks.

The internal revenue collections during the past fiscal year were: For Kansas, \$350,398.32; for Missouri, \$538,751.15.

Secretary Gage, of the treasury department, is to undertake a comprehensive study of the currency, with a view of being ready with recommendations for reforms in the monetary system when congress reassembles in December. He will make the examination on the same broad basis as was contemplated in the scheme for a currency commission.

The president has authorized the sale of timber on the Red Cliff allotted lands on the La Pointe agency in Wisconsin. There are estimated to be 100,000,000 feet in this tract. The timber is to be sold to the highest bidder, but not exceeding 30,000,000 feet nor less than 10,000,000 feet are to be cut away annually.

COMPTROLLER BOWLER holds that United States deputy marshals are personal appointees of the marshal and go out of office when he goes out, and that old deputy marshals cannot continue in office under new marshals unless reappointed and sworn in again.

GENERAL NEWS.

Pig NEVELL, colored, was legally hanged at Selma, Ala., on the 30th. He admitted his guilt on the scaffold and prayed to the Lord to send two angels to escort him to glory.

THERE were 250 business failures reported in the United States by Bradstreet's commercial agency for the week ended the 30th, against 294 for the corresponding week last year.

A BRIDGE was carried away at Aschitz, Austria, and eight children were drowned.

A TORNADO passed through the farm of A. C. McDowell near San Jose, Ill., on the evening of the 30th and seven persons were reported killed and several more injured.

EIGHT negro preachers were jailed at Montgomery, Ala., charged with conspiracy in the murder of P. H. Patterson, the negro deacon who was shot to death in the negro Baptist church at that place.

THE report that what was supposed to have been Andrew's balloon had been seen adrift in the White sea caused much popular excitement at Stockholm, it being feared that the intrepid explorer and his two companions had been lost, but men of experience in the arctic regions discredited the report.

STAR PONTIER defeated Joe Patchen and Lottie Lorraine at the race at Cleveland, O., on the 29th. Time, 2:01. Patchen was second and Lottie Lorraine third. A magnificent floral horse shoe was presented to the winner.

A SEVERE shock of earthquake was felt at Pontedera and other places in the Arno valley in Italy. Many buildings were wrecked and a large number of persons were injured.

AFTER watching his gallant filly, Talena, win the Ohio stakes in the hardest kind of a drive at Cincinnati Dr. E. F. McLean, one of the best known horsemen on the American turf, was attacked with heart disease and died a short time afterward at the Oakley race track.

THE British steamer Scandinavian, from Liverpool, reported at Boston that she ran down and sank the barkentine Florence while in a dense fog 20 miles south of Cape Race. The captain's wife and four of the crew of the Florence were lost.

THE mortgage bondholders of the Edison Illuminating Co. have foreclosed on the plant and property of that concern at St. Louis and it will be sold at foreclosure sale September 11. The property is to be disposed of to satisfy the unpaid interest on \$4,000,000 of six per cent. bonds.

THE London St. James Gazette, commenting upon Japan's protest to the United States upon the Hawaiian matter, says that it is equivalent to warning the United States that they must give up their views as to Hawaii or prepare for war, but Americans do not seem to think that it does.

HENRY SCHLAACK, a white man of Elgin, Ill., is afflicted with Addison's disease, and is gradually turning black. The disease is pronounced incurable.

ONE man was burned to a crisp and a whole square of buildings destroyed by a fire which started in the sash and door factory at Michigan City, Ind., on the 28th.

COLORADO people of Texas have started a movement to care for old and indigent ex-slaves, a large meeting being held in Austin with delegates from a large portion of the state.

FOR 40 days Lena Collinsworth, living in Claiborne county, Tenn., has fasted. She is starving herself to death under a vow. She quarreled with her husband, they separated and she made a vow that she would fast until he came back to her. Nothing has passed her lips but water.

HARRY LISTER, son of the purchasing agent for the Monon, was murdered near Washington, Ind., the other night by being pushed from a train, it was alleged, by John Williams, of Trenton, Mo. Williams was jailed. An engineer named George Welch claimed to have seen the murder.

LEE DAVIDSON was arrested at Ozark, Ark., for throwing his wife's baby into a hog pen where it was devoured by the swine.

BEN VAUGHAN, a young engineer, was jailed for promiscuously shooting at a Sunday school picnic near Perry, Ok. He fired about 30 shots and an old soldier, who was conducting the picnic, and several little children were wounded, though not fatally.

MAXIMO MARTINEZ was hanged in the Wilson county jail at Floresville, Tex., for murdering Jesus Carrillo and wife and Juanita Acosta.

MYRIADS of young grasshoppers have made their appearance in the Bonito district of Lincoln county, N. M., and are doing much damage to growing vegetation. This locality is the chief breeding district for the hoppers that eventually find their way to Kansas and Nebraska the following season, and old-timers are predicting that next year will witness a hopper visitation in the region west of the Missouri.

JULIE BUNNELL and Miss Ella Williams were recently married. Both were discovered dying at a boarding house in Houston, Tex., on the morning of the 29th from the effects of morphine, taken with suicidal intent because they could not get work to earn a living.

In a stock brokerage office at Waco, Tex., B. F. Kivett and W. W. Kivett, brothers, were shot and killed by William Landen. Bad feeling had existed between them, but the killing was said to be justifiable.

THE United States steamer Maine ran into the excursion boat Chancellor and badly damaged her on the East river near New York on the 29th. Immediately afterwards the Maine ran into a float on which were ten loaded freight cars and sunk the float and its cargo.

JAMES GERRAH, a well-known sporting man from the coast, was instantly killed by a man named Willis Day at Chickasaw, I. T., in a quarrel over a game of cards.

SIX men who were laying water pipes in Chicago were overcome by escaping gas, and while they were being carried away a young man in the crowd looking on threw his lighted cigarette into the trench and ignited the gas. The gas burned fiercely for two hours, the firemen being unable to put it out with water.

COL. FRED GRANT has sent his resignation as a police commissioner of New York to Mayor Strong as he objected to the commission employing spotters against the police.

A CORRESPONDENT in Rio de Janeiro telegraphed that authentic information had reached that city to the effect that more than 3,000 soldiers had been killed in a big battle near the city of Canudos. The fanatics numbering more than 10,000 men, all well armed, attacked the government troops. Whole brigades of the soldiers were swept down and destroyed.

THE fifth biennial session of the English Lutheran Synod of Missouri convened at Baltimore, Md., on the 25th to be in session for a week.

DURING the second heat of the pacing event at the race course at Marshalltown, Ia., the other day Doctor H. owned by G. W. Bowman, Galena, Kan., fell dead. The horse was valued at \$5,000.

JAMES HENRY, a bachelor, aged 104, and Miss Emily Boynton, aged 97, both colored, were married at Knoxville, Tenn.

MARSHAL STOWE and his deputies recently made a raid on all the hop ale or beer saloons in Ardmore, I. T., and arrested the proprietors of the establishments on charges of introducing and selling intoxicants.

LIZZY CLAW and Tillie Anderson, each of whom claims to be the champion female rider of the world, met at the Casino 14-lap track at Toledo, O., on the 28th for a purse of \$500 and a side bet of \$700 and the title of champion. The racers covered 32 miles and 11 laps in the hour, finishing together. This breaks all in and out-door records for women riders in competition.

SECRETARY GAGE made a speech at the Boston business men's dinner on the 27th. He said that the revenue derived from the tariff bill would be amply sufficient after a time and that there was no need of haste on the currency question.

DR. JAMES CHARLES, of Richmond, Ind., who has spent years in studying the question of aerial navigation, has announced that his plans for an airship were completed. He is organizing a stock company and will put one of the ships in operation as soon as possible. The ship will be capable of carrying four to six persons. It will be propelled by steam or electricity. Dr. Charles intends, if the ship proves a success, to visit the Alaskan gold fields.

NINETEEN of the 21 tramps arrested at Tekamah, Neb., were arraigned before Judge Munger in the United States court on the 26th on the charge of obstructing the passage of the United States mail and were fined nominal sums and sent to jail for terms varying from three to fifteen days. There were more cases to be disposed of.

In a runaway at Peoria, Ill., Miss Grace White leaped out of the carriage and struck on her head, killing her.

The carriage then collided with a wagon and Mrs. Peter Spurek was thrown out and probably fatally injured.

THE crops in a strip five miles wide and 30 long in Rock county, Minn., were entirely destroyed by hail the other night.

A DELIBERATE attempt was made to wreck the fast train on the C., C. & St. L. railway on the morning of the 30th by driving a coupling pin into the switch so as to hold the switch open. The engine and tender, mail, express and baggage cars were thrown from the track and wrecked and the engineer, fireman and two tramps were killed and several other persons injured.

A DAM at Middleton, Conn., containing water from which three factories got power, burst, letting down a tremendous volume of water. Forty workmen were compelled to flee for their lives and much damage was done.

JOHN JOHNSON, colored, was hanged at Livingston, Ala., for the murder of a white man.

The rain fall has been so heavy throughout northern New York for a number of days that great damage has been done to crops. All lakes and streams are swollen to an unprecedented height for this season of the year.

THE senatorial deadlock was broken at Webster City, Ia., Joseph Wallace, of Eldorado, receiving the nomination for 3,408 ballots had been taken.

AT New York 3,300 garment workers went on a strike on the 25th, 125 shops in that city and Brooklyn being affected.

DOMINO, the famous race horse, died at the farm of James K. Keene at Lexington, Ky., the other morning. He was taken ill and six veterinarians could not save him. Domino was foaled in 1891 and won about \$100,000 in stakes and purses.

PIKE at Yonkers, N. Y., destroyed two large factory buildings, occupied by W. A. Reed & Co., hat manufacturers; Rowland Bros., hat manufacturers; Pass Bros., silk manufacturers and the Yonkers Silk Co. The loss reached \$500,000. Eight hundred people were thrown out of employment.

THE steamer Cambria, with passengers from Detroit to Sault Ste. Marie, was wrecked on Lake Huron, three miles north of Sarnia, on the 28th. The vessel ran into a drift of logs and disabled her paddles and machinery. The passengers were wild with excitement, but all were safely landed. The vessel commenced to go to pieces before the last passenger was taken off.

Mrs. NORA L. BRYAN, postmistress of Middlefield, Mass., was arrested by a United States marshal upon a warrant charging her with opening letters. The unfortunate "postmistress" is a bride of only three months and it was said that she opened letters to know what her neighbors were saying about her.

THE Alaska papers are calling in double-headed editorials upon the gold hunters, who are rushing helter-skelter from all parts of the country for the Klondyke, to bring a sufficient supply of food to nourish them for six months, or else come prepared to face starvation and death from the intense cold or scurvy, which is worse than death.

Two rival lines of steamboats plying between Chicago and Manhattan beach, not only carried passengers free over the 18-mile round-trip course, but gave them beer, cigars and sandwiches without limit, furnished bathing suits at the beach and provided rooms in which the bathers could make their toilets. More interesting developments were promised, when, it was asserted, money would be offered passengers who had not made up their minds which line they would favor.

EX-UNITED STATES SENATOR DOLITTLE, of Wisconsin, died of Bright's disease at his daughter's home at Edgewood, R. I., on the 27th.

NEAR Reno, Nev., a bad wreck occurred on the Central Pacific railroad, the baggage express and mail cars of a train being reduced to kindling wood. Six Indians were killed and nine others were more or less injured. The wreck was caused by the spreading of the rails.

PASQUELLE DADARIO was hanged in the county jail at Philadelphia on the 27th for the brutal murder of Modestino Moffo, a three-year-old child.

FORECLOSURE proceedings have been begun against the Central division of the Atlantic & Pacific railroad, which extends from Seneca, Mo., to Sapulpa, I. T., 112 miles.

J. C. JAMISON, adjutant-general of the Oklahoma national guard during the administration of Gov. Renfrow, attempted to commit suicide at Guthrie, Ok., by taking poison, but antidotes were given and he was brought round. He was despondent over the fact that he had grown old without amassing means to maintain himself and family as he desired.

THE plan of sending soldiers to Alaska has been postponed for the present, as it was discovered that many supplies were necessary for such an undertaking and that part of Alaska mapped out to be visited was rapidly freezing up.

COLORADO Odd Fellows held an ice cream festival in a church at Ridge Springs, S. C., the other night. While the frolic was at its height Alex Quattbaum and Tom Graham began firing their revolvers and two men, brothers, were killed, and a panic ensued, during which the murderers escaped.

An important gathering of labor leaders approved by the American Federation of Labor was held at Wheeling, W. Va., on the 27th. A manifesto was afterwards issued upholding the strike of the coal miners and calling upon the working men of the country to render all assistance possible to the struggling miners.

THE coal operators in the Pittsburgh, Pa., district held a meeting on the 27th, but little was accomplished. The committee appointed reported the old uniformity agreement with new clauses inserted and the operators were to discuss it the next day.

WORD was received at Athens on the 29th that the sultan had instructed Tawfik Pasha, the minister for foreign affairs, to sign the peace preliminaries.

THE large paper mill of the Badger Paper Co. at Kaukauna, Wis., was destroyed by fire on the 26th. The loss was \$275,000, with an insurance of \$200,000.

ALASKA GOLD.

Gen. Duffield Makes a Few Pertinent Remarks on the Subject.

POSITIONS IN THE LIBRARY.

Many Applications Coming from Descendants of Men Prominent in the Nation's History—American Horses for Europe—Mr. Sherman Better.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—Nothing can be done more than already has been done towards marking the boundary line between Alaska and the British possessions along the 141st meridian until the senate passes upon the boundary treaty now before it. There is, however, no doubt of the location of the line along this meridian and most people in the locality know where it is. The demarcation work was superintended by Gen. Duffield, in charge of the coast and geodetic survey on behalf of the United States. Gen. Duffield has spent considerable time in Alaska. He expresses the opinion that a railroad easily can be constructed from Taku inlet to the Klondyke gold fields and believes the enterprise well worth undertaking. "The gold," said Gen. Duffield, in discussing the question, "has been ground out of the quartz by the pressure of the glaciers which lie and move along the courses of the streams, exerting a tremendous pressure. This force is present to a more appreciable extent in Alaska than elsewhere and I believe that as a consequence more placer gold will be found in that region than in any other part of the world." Gen. Duffield thinks the gold hunters on the American side have made the mistake of prospecting the large streams instead of the small ones. "When gold is precipitated," he said, "it sinks. It does not float far down stream. It is therefore to be looked for along the small creeks and about the headwaters of the larger tributaries of the Yukon. 'There is,' he added, 'no reason why as rich finds may not be made on the American side of the line as in the Klondyke district.'"

Applicants for Library Positions. WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—The bulk of the applications for positions in the congressional library, requiring technical knowledge, comes from New England. Next in number rank Chicago and the middle west. The greater part of the applications for positions in the law department come from the south. One remarkable fact in connection with the character of the applications is the large number coming from descendants of men who have been prominent in the nation's history. It is said that there are a great many applications of this kind, and some of the letters are pathetic in their tenor, telling of the straits to which these people of distinguished ancestry are now reduced. Some of the greatest family names in American history, and those familiar to every schoolboy, are represented in the signatures to these pleas for appointment.

American Horses for Europe. WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—Secretary Wilson, of the department of agriculture, is of the opinion that the rearing of horses for use in the European armies can be made a profitable industry in some of the western states, and he will spend his vacation, which he will take in August, in traveling through Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, the Dakotas and Montana, with the object of studying the resources of these states for such an industry.

Mr. Sherman Much Improved. WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—Word comes to Washington from Secretary Sherman at Amagansett, L. I., that his health has improved very much since he arrived at that place. He will leave for Boston in a day or two, and this trip will be followed by a sea voyage.

WILD TIME AT A CIRCUS. Man-Killing Elephant Breaks Loose and Causes a Commotion. OMAHA, Neb., Aug. 1.—The inhabitants in the northern part of the city had a wild time just before daylight yesterday as a result of some of the animals in a circus that is exhibiting here getting loose. A man-killing elephant, crazed by the attacks of a mischievous monkey, broke its huge chain and dashed after its tormentor, which took refuge under the lion's cage. The elephant's furious attacks overturned the cage, and the screams of the great brute in a moment were drowned by the hoarse of the big lion. All the other animals added their chorus to the pandemonium in the general uproar. Several animals escaped. A large elk raced off down the avenue. Scott Johnson attempted to stop it, and was knocked down, gored and would have been killed but for the assistance of the trainers. All the animals in the tents had suffered from the intense heat until they were ready for anything. The lions bit and clawed at the elephant, who in turn almost beat the cage to pieces with his trunk. Keeper William Worthington narrowly escaped death, as did several citizens.

Reward Offered for Train Wreckers. SEPULPA, Mo., Aug. 1.—The Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway Co. has offered a reward of \$750 for the arrest and conviction of the persons who recently placed obstructions on the track near Holden, Mo., on the Holden and Paola branch, with a view to wrecking a train. Ever since the branch was built obstructions have been placed at intervals upon the track, always within a mile of the spot first selected. A slow order is in effect on this mile of track and the trains go over it at a creeping pace.

Free Silver German Paper Suspended. LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Aug. 1.—The German Daily Post, of this city, has suspended after having been published continuously for ten years. The paper supported Bryan last year, and its advocacy of free silver and free trade proved very unpopular with Germans, who withdrew their patronage from it. An effort will be made to keep the weekly alive. The Post was the only German daily published in Kansas.

TORNADO IN ILLINOIS.

Seven Persons Killed and Others Injured in a Tornado at San Jose.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Aug. 1.—A special from San Jose, Ill., 35 miles west, on the Jacksonville division of the Chicago & Alton railroad, gives meager particulars of a tornado yesterday evening at seven o'clock. It passed through the farm of A. C. McDowell, 2½ miles north of that town, completely destroying the house and barn. Seven persons were killed. They are: A. C. McDowell, McDowell's grandson, wife of Samuel Brownlee, three of Brownlee's children and Miss Jessie Groves. The children were seriously injured: Mrs. A. C. McDowell, her son Charles, and daughter, Mary. Miss McDowell is but slightly hurt. The storm came directly from the north, and entirely destroyed the McDowell house, barn and walnut grove. It then rose and went over the town of San Jose. At Mason City lightning struck the spire of the Presbyterian church and set it on fire.

MADE THEM TARGETS.

Ben Vaughan Creates Consternation at a Children's Picnic Near Perry, Ok. PERRY, Ok., Aug. 1.—Ben Vaughan, a young engineer of Perry, was arrested by Lawyer S. H. Harris and put in jail yesterday evening for shooting half a dozen people at a Sunday school picnic near Perry yesterday. Four or five hundred Sunday school children were on the picnic grounds when Vaughan came up, flourishing two heavy pistols and a huge knife. He shot several times. One shot took effect in the leg of J. D. Smith, an old soldier, who was conducting the children's picnic. Twenty shots were fired and several little children were wounded, but not fatally.

PROBABLE DOUBLE MURDER.

Two Men Found Dead at a Railroad Crossing Near Seligman, Mo. SELIGMAN, Mo., Aug. 1.—Near a railroad crossing three miles north of here two men were found dead about eight o'clock yesterday morning by two of Thomas Barnes' little girls, who happened to be passing near. The alarm was given and in a short time a coroner's jury was summoned by Justice C. A. Patterson, but from the scant evidence obtainable the cause of their death could not be ascertained. They were identified as George Tucker, aged 24, and L. W. Harper, both from Hindsville, Ark. It is supposed the men were murdered.

PLACE FOR DR. ANDREWS.

To Be President of a University to Be Founded by John Brisben Walker. PROVIDENCE, R. I., Aug. 1.—Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews, who recently resigned the presidency of Brown university, because his free silver teachings were objected to, has accepted the presidency of a new university to be founded by John Brisben Walker, and to be known as the Cosmopolitan university. It is to be modeled after the Chautauqua school, and will be conducted by correspondence.

Farmers' Congress Delegates.

TOPEKA, Kan., Aug. 1.—Gov. Leedy has appointed the following delegates to represent Kansas at the farmers' national congress at St. Paul, August 31 to September 6: George W. Glick, Atchison; N. B. Brown, Concordia; Thomas M. Potter, Peabody; David Ballard, Ballard's Falls; George M. Munger, Eureka; Frederick Wellhouse, Leavenworth; John L. Humphrey, Mound Valley; A. Z. Brown, Fredonia; B. F. Campbell, St. Francis; J. H. White, Pratt.

Insurance Company of Their Own.

TOPEKA, Kan., Aug. 1.—The organization of a trust by the four leading companies of the country insuring railroad employees, to advance rates, has caused the employees of the Santa Fe system to organize a mutual insurance association. The new organization will be known as the Railway Employees' Accident association, and its object will be to insure railroad men, express men and telegraph men against accident. The headquarters will be at Newton, Kan.

Headless Boys "Play" Outlaws.

GOLDEN CITY, Mo., Aug. 1.—Five headless boys, wearing broad-brimmed hats and clanking spurs, "smoked" the town of Greenfield yesterday. They rode through the streets at breakneck speed and fired several volleys, shooting at citizens and finally were chased into the country by City Marshal Harris, who exchanged shots with them for several miles. One member of the gang was captured near Lockwood. He gave the name of Bill Dodson.

To Klondyke on a Wheel.

NEW YORK, Aug. 1.—One of the most novel of the many schemes to obtain a share of the wealth of the Klondyke region has been developed by a syndicate of four wealthy New Yorkers, who are planning to establish trading posts and stores in the mining camps. They will transport their men and supplies to the gold fields on a bicycle specially designed for the purpose.

Positions for Westerners.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—Frank H. Grace, of Kansas, has been appointed a transit man at \$5 a day in the department yards and docks, Mare island navy yard, Cal. Paul J. Smith has been appointed a stockman at the Cheyenne and Arapahoe Indian agency, Ok. James H. Murray, of Downing, Mo., and Cassius J. Hill, of Clayton, Mo., have been appointed railway mail clerks.

No Crown for Mrs. Lease.

TOPEKA, Kan., Aug. 1.—Mrs. Lease, on account of engagements to lecture which cannot be broken, has declined to become queen of the harvest demonstration at Topeka. This was the contents of a telegram received from her husband last night. The committee then proceeded to appoint Mrs. C. S. Sutton, of this city.

Last of the Eldon Robbers Caught.

CHICAGO, Aug. 1.—Joseph Menard, arrested by detectives two days ago, is said to be the last of the five men who three months ago robbed the Eldon, Ia., bank of \$5,000. Menard before being arrested made an effort to use his revolver in his struggle to escape.

KANSAS STATE NEWS.

Mr. Stryker Wants Better Teachers. State School Superintendent Stryker says the good teachers are not complaining about the examination questions recently sent out. He says there are now two teachers to every school and consequently wages are very low. He further declares that he is determined to have a better class of teachers, and for that reason questions propounded in the future will be out of the ordinary and may seem difficult to a great many.

A Kansas ex-Preacher.

Rev. Thomas Stephenson, until 1892 one of the most prominent Methodist preachers of eastern Kansas, but who was, after several trials, expelled from the church and ministry for alleged immorality, is now making a living by raising vegetables at Springfield, Mo. He recently married the woman who is alleged to have been the cause of his downfall.

Official Route to Buffalo.

The Rock Island railroad to Chicago and the "Nickel Plate" railway from Chicago to Buffalo have been selected as the official route of the Kansas G. A. R. and W. R. C. to the national encampment at Buffalo next month. The rate is one fare for the round trip to Chicago and one cent a mile east of that point.

History of Kansas Free Masonry.

Secretary Wilson, of the Masonic grand lodge of Kansas, will prepare a historical sketch of the Masonic doings of Kansas since the first grand lodge was organized, 43 years ago. The names of every mason who has resided in Kansas during that time will be given, numbering in all over 100,000.

Concerning Kansas Dogs.

Mr. Coburn, of the Kansas state board of agriculture, recently got out a report showing that Kansas has 135,570 dogs, and that during the past year they killed 1,294 sheep, while the wolves, upon which most of the counties pay a bounty, killed but 1,150.

Raised It One Million Dollars.

Wyandotte, the richest county in the state, returned only \$7,500 in personal property valuation. The state board of equalization was surprised at these figures, of course, and added some figures of their own, making the amount \$1,007,500.

W. E. C. Treasury Depleted.

The state treasury of the Kansas W. E. C. is without available funds, the last administration having left a debt of \$200. A heavy expenditure was made on the Bickerdye home at Ellis worth.

Secretary Wilson Denies a Report.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson denies the report recently sent out from Manhattan that the government would discontinue the experiment station at the state agricultural college.

Minor State News.

Ex-Gov. Lewelling says he will soon resign as state senator.

Chanute is lighted with natural gas piped from the oil wells at Neodesha.

Gov. Leedy has pardoned A. J. James, of Neodesha, who was sent up for murdering a man who had destroyed his home.

Rev. Thomas M. Boss, one of the best-known Congregational ministers in Kansas died in Leavenworth recently.

The wheat crop in Ellis county aggregates 2,000,000 bushels. Some of the fields averaged 40 and 50 bushels to the acre.

During a pacing event at Marshalltown, Ia., Doctor B., a valuable horse owned by G. W. Bowman, of Galena, this state, fell dead on the track.

Gov. Leedy is anxious that Kansas have a creditable exhibit at the Omaha exposition next year. The legislature made no provision for the cost of the exhibit.

Nine boys sent out by the Children's Aid society of New York, left recently for Eldorado, Kan. Their ages range from 9 to 15 years and most of them are orphans.

Kansas railroads will not put into effect the rates on live stock in cents per 100 pounds, but will continue in effect the present rate in dollars per car load.

Every republican patron of Rosalia post office, Butler county, have petitioned for the reappointment of B. F. Songer, the present incumbent, who is a populist.

On account of previous engagements Mrs. Mary E. Lease declined the invitation to become queen of the harvest demonstration at the Topeka fall festivities.

Many cattle in Clay county, near Langford, are affected with what the owners call pink-eye. It was thought the disease came from importation of southern cattle.

At the bicycle races in Kansas City last week F. L. Eberhardt, of Salina, surprised the wise ones by beating crack riders from Chicago and St. Louis in exciting races.

Ex-Speaker Charles E. Lobbell, of Dighton, will establish a weekly republican paper at Kansas City, Kan. He purchased the Daily Tribune plant from the Greer brothers.

W. S. Douglas, a prominent Sunday school worker of Butler county, died at Eldorado the other night from strychnine poisoning. It was thought he mistook it for quinine.

An investigation reveals the fact that ex-County Treasurer Doran, of Sedgewick county, who was short about \$40,000, had the weakness of loaning money to political friends.

It is alleged that a combine has been made among the big coal dealers in Kansas to freeze out the smaller dealers. Attorney General Boyle has been asked to break up the alleged trust.

In Sumner county 12 farmers have formed a stock company and are putting up a 45,000-bushel elevator, or warehouse, for storing their surplus wheat and corn for better prices.